



United States Department of Agriculture

New Hampshire NRCS

Agricultural Land Easements



USDA pays 50% of the easement

(Sometimes more under special circumstances)

You agree not to convert your land to commercial enterprises other than agriculture and forestry and to develop and implement a conservation plan for any highly erodible land.

The land must:

- Be a minimum of 50% productive agricultural soils; or
- Have historical or cultural resources; or
- Upon protection, further a State or local policy consistent with the purposes of ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program); or
- Upon enrollment, protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring and conserving land.
- Be privately owned (no town, state, or federal land).
- Be owned by an individual or entity that doesn't exceed the Adjusted Gross Income limitation.
- Have less than 2/3 forestland or have 1/3 open land.
- Be subject to a written pending offer for purchase of an agricultural land easement from an eligible entity.

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